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<p>INVESTIGATOR L. H. T. NOV 14 1956</p> <p><b>Red Policy Drive Eased In Hungary Collectivist Foe Gets Party Post</b></p> <p>VIENNA, Nov. 14 (UPI)—Communist Hungary reshuffled its party leadership and government today in a move that may mean a slight relaxation of the extreme collectivization policies of Tomo Matyas Rakosi.</p> <p>Istvan Kovacs, an opponent of Rakosi's policies of ignoring the consumer and forcing farmers into collectives, was appointed to the Communist party's central committee secretariat. It is the party's ruling body and Rakosi is the first secretary. Kovacs is also Communist boss of industrial Budapest.</p> <p>Kovacs' appointment was made by the central committee, radio Budapest announced, after Rakosi's return a few days ago from a long visit to Moscow. At the same time, Janos Matolosi was removed from the MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND NAMED Agriculture Minister. THIS MINISTER announced, Matolosi, a Rakosi supporter, is a "believer in an unrelenting campaign to collectivize farming."</p> <p>On the surface, this might seem to indicate collectivization of farms in Hungary is to be intensified. But most westerners at Vienna took an opposite view. They regarded Matolosi's demotion from the secretariat to mean a lessening—rather than an intensification—of collectivization.</p> <p>In recent weeks, Communist Poland and Czechoslovakia have been intensifying their collectivization programs.</p>		

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